

Happy Fall Y'all



The Hudson Recreation Department Newsletter
Written by the Recreation Director

October 2021

#WREC Connect

Let's Connect!

Department Updates

The Recreation Department welcomes Selectmen Robert Guessferd, as the department's new Board of Selectmen Liaison, and Selectman Brett Gagnon as the Recreation Committee liaison.



Stop by the Senior Center to register any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 8:00am-4:00pm.

Soft Reopening of our Senior Center

The Recreation Department opened the doors to the senior citizen community after a 16-month hiatus.

The Senior Center is one of our largest programs here at the Recreation Department. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, we closed the doors to the Senior Center building in April of 2020. This was for the health and safety of our members and staff.



After receiving approval from the Board of Selectman to reopen the center in May of 2021, we eagerly conducted a soft reopening of the Senior Center this past July.

On July 15, 2021 the Recreation Department hosted a registration day for the senior citizens in our community, to stop in and register

at their convenience. The turnout was better than expected, with over 200 memberships received that day.

You can now stop by the Senior Center any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, to participate in our programming with a purpose design. We will also be adding Monday operating hours in November.





**SOCCER
IS
BACK!**

RECREATION SOCCER IS BACK! YES!!

The best part of summer ending, is the return of fall soccer!

We are currently in the middle of our soccer season and we have lucked out with great weather, amazing volunteer coaches, and awesome athletes.

Every Saturday you will find the 459 participants of our soccer program, playing their weekly games at the Alvirne High School field. Games begin at 9:00am and run into the late afternoon.

Additionally, we kicked off our new **Little Kickers** program, which is designed for three and four year olds. This program focuses on the fundamentals of soccer, and having fun learning the sport.

Interested in our soccer program? Registration opens annually in May on our website.



Outdoor Basketball at Greeley Park

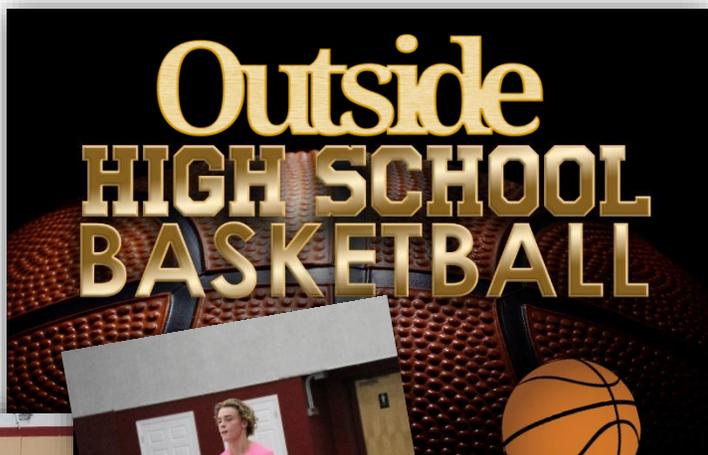
SEASON WRAP UP



This past spring, we began an outdoor basketball program at the Greeley Courts, for Hudson students in grades 9th-12th.

Every Saturday you would find six teams battling for the title of the 2021 Teen League Champions.

Big congratulations to the Neon Pink team, who fought their way out of the loser bracket, and earned a spot in the championship game. After a well-played game against the Navy team, the Neon Pink team came out on top, and was named the 2021 Teen League Champions!



Whats been going on?

Congratulations to Team Mobil!

The 2021 Men's Softball

CHAMPIONS



Interested in joining our Men's or our Women's Softball League?

Call us for more details and watch for online registration in March of 2022!

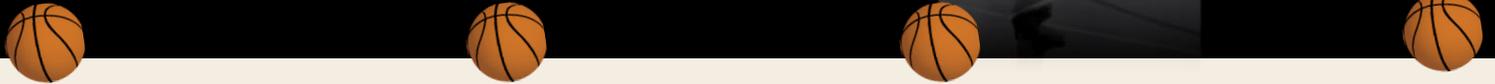


Shout out to our softball coordinators David Forman & Cindy Holton for an awesome season!



OPEN GYM

FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 3RD-8TH



FAMILY Paint NIGHT



FUN



Thank you to everyone
who attended our first
Family Paint Night!





IS PICKLEBALL A SPORT?

YES!!



Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines elements of badminton, table tennis, and tennis.¹ Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, much like a whiffle ball, with 26–40 round holes, over a net. The sport shares features of other racket sports: the dimensions and layout of a badminton court, and a net and rules somewhat similar to tennis, with several modifications.

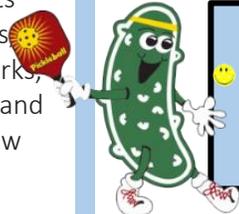
Pickleball was invented in the mid-1960s as a children's backyard game. The spread of the sport is attributed to its popularity within community centers, physical education classes, public parks, private health clubs, YMCA facilities and retirement communities. We can now add Hudson to the list!



2021 Hudson, NH Senior Center Pickle Ball



Are you interested in trying the sport but do not want to purchase equipment before you know you like it? Call us at the Recreation Department to borrow a set of paddles. 880-1600



what's NEW



We are excited to team up with CHIPS, HPD, HFD, Rodgers Memorial Library & the Hudson Speedway to host this **SPOOKY** event again!

Register by 10/20 @ www.hudsonnh.gov/recreation



Happy Halloween

HUDSON'S 2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY FRIGHT RIDE



Saturday, October 23rd
5:30pm – 9:00 pm

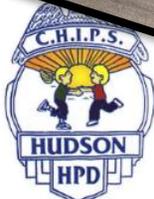
DRIVE THROUGH EVENT FEATURING:

Police Vehicles – Fire Vehicles- Goodie Bags – Treats
Trucks – Race Cars - Ghostbusters, and more!

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Reserve a specific time slot for attendance
Registration is limited and will close 10/20!
(Valid driver's license of vehicle operator is required)

Visit www.hudsonnh.gov/recreation to register!



Hudson Recreation Department

Wood Sign

PAINT PARTIES

Door Hanger Workshop

Adults
Night
Out!

On Friday October 8th, we hosted our very first adults only, Wood Door Hanger Workshop. The Bedford Canvas Road Show owner, Kasey Wilson, taught the event.

Twenty women preordered signs to personalize, stain, and design during the workshop. Additionally, Dobugs Delights donated two dozen amazing cupcakes for the event, which was a very welcomed addition.

\$5 of every sign purchased goes towards our annual Recreation Department Scholarship fund, awarded to a 2022 graduating senior who has participated in our programs. The surprise of the night was that the Canvas Road Show matched the donation, resulting in \$180 earned for the Scholarship Fund.

Stay tuned for our Holiday Sign Workshop!



Hudson Recreation's Travel



We're BACK!

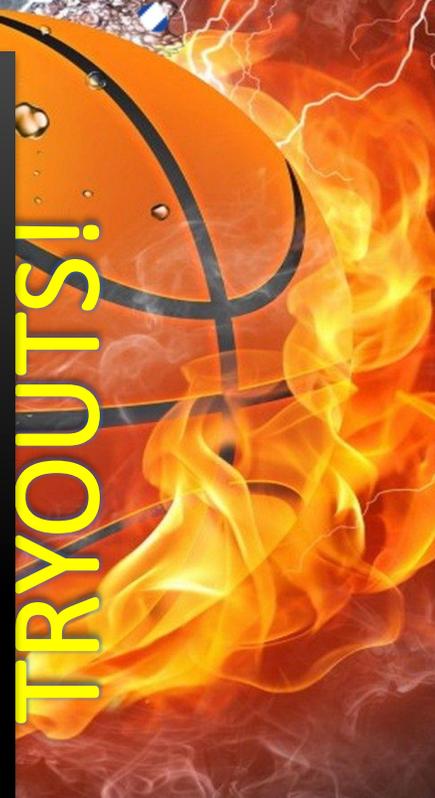
The Recreation Department's Travel League hosts one team per grade if a coach can be secured. As a travel league, it is focused around a higher basketball skill set from our intramural league. Interested athletes are required to try out for their respected team. Each athlete must earn their spot regardless if they have been on a team prior or are new to trying out.

The league cannot work around athlete conflict days. Participants must have a flexible schedule that can be worked around basketball. Only tryout if your schedule is open.

This league travels and will play home games. The MSBL controls the schedule, not the Recreation Department.

Registration fee is \$100 plus the additional costs of uniform and potential tournaments. The \$100 fee will be due within a week of team announcement and the uniform fee will be due the following week due to time restraints.

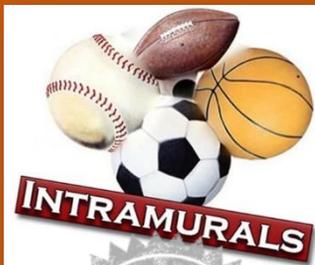
Interested in trying out? Registration is NOW OPEN on our website. Payment will not be due until teams are announced.



Registration will close on 10/22!

www.hudsonnh.gov/recreation

Tryout dates and times will be emailed out. Please reserve the final week in October!



Due to the lack of multiple facilities required to host the Recreation Basketball league, the season is currently delayed. Please check back with us in November for an update on our website.

Teen & the Adult
35+ League
registration opens
late October.





NORTH NEWS



NEWS FROM THE HUDSON RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR CENTER

Did you know that the Senior Center is a part of
the Recreation Department?

**OH!
YES**

we  **it**



**FUN
AHEAD**

WEDNESDAY

- 8:00am Center Opens
- 9:00am Billiards
- 9:00am Silver Knitters
- 9:00am Wednesday
- 1:00pm Aerobics \$5
- 2:30pm Strength & Balance \$5

Connect

We have to a wide range of activities to choose from including a brand new canvas painting class! Watch for the November Senior Center Newsletter coming out later this month with Mondays added to the operating days!

TUESDAY

- 8:00am Center Opens
- 9:00am Billiards
- 9:30am Walking Group
- 10:00am North Barn Presents
- 1:00pm Chair Yoga \$5
- 1:00pm Tech Help Tuesdays

North Barn Presents...

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Elder Financial Exploitation and Safe Banking Practices

The level of elderly financial exploitation has risen exponentially in the past few years. We are dealing with it on a regular basis at *Enterprise Bank*. Our goal is to educate and inform, regardless of where you do your banking.

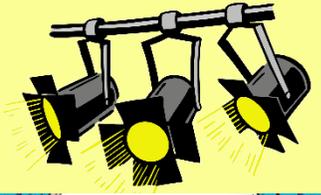
THURSDAY

- 8:00am Center Opens
- 9:00am Billiards
- 9:30am Walking Group
- 9:00am Line Dancing - Beginners \$5
- 10:30am Line Dancing – Intermediate \$5
- 1:00pm Ping Pong
- 1:00pm Corn Hole

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



In the Spotlight



I would like to thank the staff at HCTV for their continued support and assistance since my appointment in September of 2020.

Jim, Mike, Jackie, and Grace have consistently gone above and beyond to help spread the word of the Recreation Department's events and programs. From PSA's, to Facebook posts, to including us in their Hudson Happening Show, and everything in between.

I cannot thank you all enough! We appreciate you all and what you do more than you know!



Thank you to the Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce for allowing us to be a part of your **LOVE OUR COMMUNITY** Scavenger Hunt!



JOIN *the* FUN

**ENTER IF
YOU DARE**

**PUMPKIN
PAINTING
and
CARVING
Contest**

Two awesome contests to choose from to enter!
Pumpkin Painting, Pumpkin Carving or both!

Contest is for Hudson children, grades K-5th Grade.

No fee to enter. Please email picture submissions to
Chrissy @ cpeterson@hudsonnh.gov by 10/28!

Please include the contestants name and grade.

Awards given out in both categories! Winning pumpkins will be posted on
Facebook and HCTV!



Get creative!



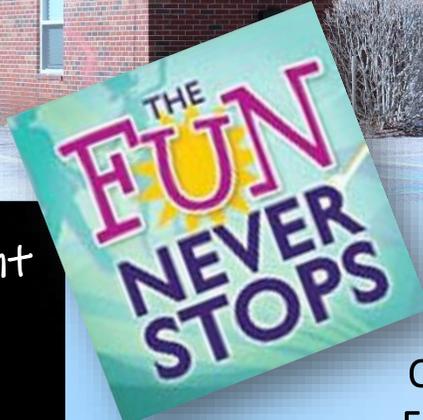
Join in the fun!



MISSION statement

The mission of the Hudson Recreation Department is to enrich the lives of residents through diverse and affordable programs, for people of all ages. We strive to enhance the quality of life and create memorable experiences by connecting the community members, of all ages through recreational programs.

Our goal is to touch the lives of the Hudson residents through innovative activities, programs, and services while leaving a lasting impact in our community.



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